

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 849

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Whitford for her
laudable contributions to the farmers of
Montgomery County and to the citizens of
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Whitford is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest
integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitford proved instrumental in helping to supply Montgomery County
farmers with hay during the severe summer drought of 2007 in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, no industry is more profoundly affected by the weather than agriculture, and
in 2007, Montgomery County farmers battled some of the worst elements in Mother Nature's
arsenal: record drought and triple-digit heat in mid- to late-summer; and

WHEREAS, in a move to save Montgomery County's second-largest agricultural income
source – beef cattle – from financial ruin due to the severe weather conditions, state leaders
looked for help outside the Tennessee border; and

WHEREAS, 5,000 rolls of hay were brought in from Oklahoma and sold at a minimum
cost to drought-stricken livestock farms throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, honorable citizens such as Mary Whitford worked assiduously to help
struggling farmers secure their needed hay; and

WHEREAS, Mary Whitford has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the
highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Montgomery County farming community and
the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Mary Whitford for her meritorious service to the farmers of Montgomery County and the citizens of Tennessee during the severe summer drought of 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.